

Appl. No. 09/943,699
Amdt. Dated Oct. 31, 2003
Reply to Office action of Sept. 2, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application, and claims 1-22 have been rejected. Claims 1, 6, 10, and 14 have been amended, claim 11 and claims 20-22 are canceled.

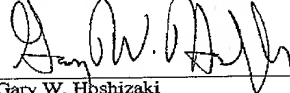
In the specification, the paragraph [0019] have been amended to capitalize the trademark name ERTALYTE TX and also accompany the name with the generic terminology.

In view of Applicant's amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 103, have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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